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A New Era

The opening of the extension of the St. Louis, Rocky Mountain & Pacific railway from Clifton House Junction to Des Moines, N. M., connecting there with the Colorado & Southern railway, will prove to be a boon to the mining interests in the vicinity of Cimarron and Ute Park, as well as points further west. Heretofore, the long wagon and pack train haul has been so difficult and expensive as to render the mining of low-grade ore a virtual impossibility; this condition also had a discouraging effect on the holders of properties which would have been developed were it not for the transportation conditions. All or a great percentage of all these difficulties have been removed by the building of a line into this country which will enable miners to get their ore to the Pueblo smelters, which are the nearest smelters to this vicinity. If freight rates are established that will approximate the rates from what have heretofore been the railroad loading points for ore from this vicinity, it will be appreciated that the entire scene of mining operations will show unprecedented activity.

Situated on the south of a mountain which causes difficult and expensive railroad operation, Raton is bound to become the scene of operations for distributors of merchandise

to the numerous points south and west of Raton, and with abundance of fuel in the vicinity, there is no reason why it should not become, to some extent a manufacturing center.

Marshal James Howe and family went to Springer Sunday, returning home Monday. They were fixing up their old home property. Mr. Howe reports that the country around Springer is being filled up with people from Oklahoma and the farm implements, grain and seeds that are being brought in by them is wonderful.

The Cimarron News and Press has made its appearance at Cimarron, a prosperous and important town in western Colfax county and one which, up to the advent of the Santa Fe Railway system in New Mexico from 1867 to that date, was one of the principal business and mining centers in that region. It seems that Cimarron is again coming to its own and hence the resumption of the publication of the News and Press in that town. The News and Press is a well appearing, well edited and lively newspaper and its first numbers are certainly very creditable. It will be republican in politics and work for the advancement of western Colfax county. It has a rich field. Success to it.—Santa Fe New Mexican.

Who Was "In?"

Regardless of the fact that The Optic has not been "in" on the public printing, it has every confidence in the present legislature. That there should be remedial legislation affecting the public printing is conceded by everybody. The office of public printer should be abolished. A maximum price for all work should be established and the placing of contracts could well be done by some territorial official without additional salary. This legislature has already demonstrated that it is destined to go down into history as one of the most economical ever in the territory, and the people can rest assured that the pruning knife will be used at every opportunity.—Las Vegas Optic.

In the face of the fact that James McNary, then editor of the Optic, was made public printer by the former governor and that Mr. Frost, in whose office Mr. McNary had the printing done, assert that he has realized no profits from it, it would solve a mystery if the man who knows would tell who was "in" on the public printing.

E. Elliott, the hunter and trapper who captured the gray wolf some time ago on the Moore ranch, is in the city this week looking for a team with which to go on a hunting and prospecting trip this summer.

THE FACTS AS TO THE BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION.

The Deming Graphic is a progressive newspaper published in a progressive town in the progressive county of Luna. That county has been attracting considerable immigration of late and a very good class of homeseekers is moving into it. This is especially noticeable for a dozen miles in the vicinity of Deming, the county seat. The work and the advertisement of the bureau of immigration have done considerable to bring about this state of affairs and in connection therewith and commenting upon the views of Governor Hagerman as expressed in his message that the bureau of immigration is not worth the money spent for its maintenance, the Graphic pointedly remarks:

"The fact that the governor advocates the abolishment of the bureau of immigration hardly meets with our full and complete approbation. The records show that the bureau has accomplished splendid work in the past and that too, when conditions were not near so favorable for bringing about good results as at the present writing.

"Hundreds of people living in different parts of the United States are now eager to gain knowledge of New Mexico's resources to the end of coming here to locate. These are over and above the many who are now moving into the territory and becoming citizens.

"The bureau may be a little expensive but to us it looks like money spent well and in the right direction.

"It is true there are a number of acts that should be repealed, among which is that of game warden, which doesn't amount to a pinch of snuff, but for which, nevertheless, the dear people are asked to cough up something like \$2,000 a year. We don't sanction smothering anything that stands for advancement of New Mexico, hence our appeal for the bureau of immigration."—New Mexican.

The Deming Graphic says the right thing at the right time in the following short editorial:

"The Arizona legislature has knocked gambling galley-west. It is now up to New Mexico to do likewise. Another thing that should be done is raising the license of saloons."

TAOS COUNTY MAY REFUND ITS INDEBTEDNESS

The committee on territories have reported favorably on the bill recently introduced in congress, permitting Taos county to refund its floating indebtedness of seven thousand five hundred dollars and its bonded indebtedness of forty-two thousand four hundred dollars by an issue of its bonds therefor, under the laws of the said territory providing for the refunding of county indebtedness; Provided, That said bonds shall not run for more than twenty years nor bear interest at a higher rate than five per centum per annum, nor shall the same be sold for less than par.

The governor of the territory to whom the bill was referred for report, states in a recent communication that in his judgment, should it become a law, it would be of much benefit to the people of Taos county.

As the interests of the territory as well as the United States are well safeguarded by the provisions of the bill, there appears to be no good reason why it should not receive favorable consideration.

Halbert—Stevens.

Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock Frank Halbert and Dora Stevens were united in marriage, Rev. William Reace of the Methodist church performing the ceremony. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride on North Third street, and the young people left on No. 10 for Trinidad, where they will reside. Only the members of the family were present. Mrs. Halbert has lived here all her life, and has many friends who will wish both her and her husband a long and happy life.

Fair taxation of the property of the Pullman Palace Car company in New Mexico is desired by the people. A bill to that effect has passed the council of the assembly and in all likelihood will pass the house and become law. New Mexico is evidently not as corporation-ridden as some of its traducers without and the knocker within its gates try to make it appear.—New Mexican.

A bill to prohibit public gambling in New Mexico was introduced yesterday in the council by Mr. Cameron. It is certain that a bill in that direction will become law with this session. The people want it and there will be "an end on it." The New Mexican was the first newspaper in this territory openly and strongly to support the proposition. It will certainly be greatly gratified at the enactment of such a law.—New Mexican.

DEATH OF FORMER RESIDENT OF COUNTY

From the Raton Range.

Mrs. Anna G. Tansey, wife of Dr. Elmer E. Tansey, the prominent north end physician, passed quietly away at her home, 263 E. 79th street, yesterday, Wednesday, Feb. 6th. Mrs. Tansey although a sufferer for several years was always of an amiable and cheerful disposition, a good christian woman, one who was held in the highest esteem in this community and was exceedingly prominent in all circles. The funeral services were held at the Tansey residence Sunday, February 10th, at 1:30 p. m. The interment took place at Oakwoods. Mrs. Tansey lived here for several years and is well known. She was here for health reasons.

DEATH OF MRS. WHIGHAM.

From the Raton Range.

Laura V. Whigham, aged fifty-seven on February the thirteenth, died at her home in this city. Her death was caused by a general breakdown of her health which culminated in a two weeks' severe illness when the end came somewhat unexpected. Her daughter was with her in her last hours. She leaves one daughter, Mrs. T. F. Schomberg of Trinidad, and two little grandchildren. The death of little Marie Schomberg, her favorite grandchild last June was a severe shock to Mrs. Whigham and one from which she never fully recovered. Mrs. Whigham's family name was Wade, an old and well known Virginia family and she was born in Kentucky. She was married to Harry Whigham in 1868 at Fort Lyon, Colorado, near what is now La Junta. They lived in Cimarron a number of years. Mr. Whigham was connected with the Maxwell Land Grant company from 1872 till 1901, the year of his death. They moved to Raton in 1888 and lived in a brick house built by Mr. Whigham on First street. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Whigham took the Schomberg residence on South Fifth street, where she passed away. Mrs. Whigham was a woman of sterling character and firm in her friendships. Her neighbors have many kindly acts of hers to remember and to the sick or needy she ministered generously and with tenderness of heart and genuine interest. She has many friends in Raton to mourn and miss her and these will offer to her family their sincere sympathy. Mrs. Whigham was a believer in the Episcopal faith and a member of that church. In the absence of a clergyman of her own church the Episcopal burial services were read by Rev. Samuel Magill of the Presbyterian church. The funeral was held from the late residence at ten o'clock on Friday morning and interment took place in Fairmont cemetery where she sleeps by her beloved husband whom she has so deeply mourned, and the little Marie, who was after her husband's death the best loved of all. Many sweet flowers covered her as she lay at rest and her friends, lovingly gathered about her, realized in great measure the peace that is hers. Life had grown empty and lonely for her and she longed for the repose she has been granted.

THIS WAY FOR CIMARRON.

From the Raton Range.

Cimarron will do things in recent style on Saturday night of next week, February 23, when a dance in Aztec hall will celebrate Washington's birthday, St. Valentine's day and the "Seventeenth of Ireland", all in one. Cimarron can do all this without a single trip-up too. The party will be given in Aztec hall and in this hall will also be given features of the occasion which promise richness and flavor that cannot be told here or put upon paper or anywhere else except in old Aztec hall. The music will be home-made to the Raton part of the crowd—a Raton orchestra will discourse it. A supper will be served and through the committee are too modest to see their names in print some of us who know them are going down on this recommendation alone. There are some features these retiring people refuse to tell. If you've ever been there before you will be there that night and if you haven't you'll go this once and then you'll never miss another. The country near Cimarron has been billed far and near and everybody will be there. They are going to see you and you to see them and they have some curiosity down there as to your capacity for real fun and they will test that capacity too. Everybody take the Cimarron train at the Rocky Mountain depot at three-thirty, Saturday, February 23rd, and return next day at noon. Those who know what is on can hardly wait. Raton is going sure. This way for Cimarron.

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